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#### STATE OF HAWAII

## HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of DIRECTOR,	) CASE NO. OSH 2010-6
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND	) (Inspection No. 313077109)
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,	j`` i
	) STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT
Complainant,	) AGREEMENT; EXHIBIT A; APPROVAL
	) AND ORDER
vs.	)
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MASUDA ENTERPRISES, INC., dba	)
MGM ELECTRICAL SERVICE,	, )
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Respondent.	)
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## STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Complainant Director of Labor and Industrial Relations ("Director") and Respondent MASUDA ENTERPRISES, INC., dba MGM ELECTRICAL SERVICE ("Respondent") having reached a full and complete settlement of the above-captioned contested case presently pending before the Hawaii Labor Relations Board ("Board") stipulate and agree as follows:

On or about June 5, 2009, the Director, by and through the State of Hawaii's Occupational Safety and Health Division ("HIOSH"), initiated an accident inspection of the Respondent's workplace located at 1500 Kapiolani Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814.

As a consequence of said inspection, the Director, through HIOSH's Administrator, issued a Citation and Notification of Penalty on December 3, 2009 ("Citation") to Respondent alleging violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Standards and assessed an aggregate penalty of \$3,000.00. See Exhibit A.

Respondent timely contested the Citation.

THEREFORE, to avoid the expense of litigation and to compromise and settle the above-captioned case, the parties, by and through their respective representatives, stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this contested case pursuant to section 396-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").
- At all relevant times, Respondent maintained a workplace at 1500
   Kapiolani Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814.
- 3 At all relevant times, Respondent was an employer, as defined in HRS §396-3, and employed employees, as defined in HRS §396-3, and was therefore subject to the requirements of HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law.
- 4. Respondent agrees that it has or will abate each violation listed in the Citation in compliance with the abatement requirements under Hawaii Administrative Rule § 12-51-22. Respondent shall submit the completed abatement certification to HIOSH no later than thirty (30) days after the filing of this Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"); failure to timely do so may result in additional penalties or follow up inspections.
  - 5. The Citation is amended as follows:
- a. Citation 1, item 1, alleging a serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.416(a)(1) [chapter 12-141.1 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules], and citation 1, item 2, alleging a serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.416(a)(3) [chapter 12-141.1 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules], are grouped together. Therefore citation 1, item 1 shall be designated as

citation 1, item 1a, and citation 1, item 2 shall be designated as citation 1, item 1b.

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- b. The factual allegation of citation 1, item 1a shall be amended to read, "An employee was working on an electrical circuit breaker panel that was not de-energized."
- c. The factual allegation of citation 1, item 1b shall be amended to read, "A worker did not perform an electrical hazard analysis prior to working on the electrical circuit breaker panel."
- d. The penalty for the grouped serious violation of citation 1, items 1a and 1b shall be \$1,500.00.
- 6. The grouped penalty of \$1,500.00 penalty shall be paid in full to the Director of Budget and Finance upon the execution of this Agreement.
- 7. Except for the stipulated amendments described above, the Citation is confirmed in all other respects and upon approval by the Board, this Agreement and the Citation, as amended, shall become a final order of the Director.
- 8. If Respondent fails to fulfill any condition of this Agreement within the time stated, citation 1, items 1a and 1b shall revert back to separate serious violations and the original aggregate penalty amount of \$3,000.00 shall automatically and without further notice be reinstated and shall be final and conclusive and shall be treated as such with regard to any future citations the Director may issue against Respondent including, but not limited to, any "repeat" violations. All amounts shall be immediately due and owing. If Respondent fails to pay all penalties and the Director institutes legal action to collect on the outstanding amount due, Respondent agrees to pay all fees and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred to collect on the unpaid penalties. Any forbearance by the Director in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.
- 9. Respondent shall post a copy of this Agreement and Order in a prominent place at or near the location of the posting of the Citation, and the Agreement and Order shall remain posted for three working days (excluding weekends and State holidays).
  - 10. Respondent shall continue to comply with HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii

Occupational Safety and Health Law, and the related rules.

- Nothing in this Agreement shall bar the Director from taking any action regarding future acts or practices by Respondent which may be alleged to violate HRS chapter 396, the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law, or the related rules.
- 12. Upon approval of this Agreement, all proceedings before the Board shall be dismissed.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, May 5, 2010

MASUDA ENTERPRISES, INC., dba MGM ELECTRICAL SERVICE

By: orusha masuda Its president

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DIRECTOR OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

HERBERT B.K. LAU

Deputy Attorney General

Attorney for Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED BY

HAWAII LABOR RELATIONS BOARD:

ORDER NO. 390

DATED: MAY 12, 2010

MICHOLSON, Chair

SARAHR. HIRAKAMI, Member

#### State of Hawaii

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# itation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Masuda Enterprises Inc dba MGM Electrical Service and its successors 99-920 Iwaena St, Bay A107

Aiea, HI 96701

Inspection Site: 1500 Kapiolani Blvd Honolulu, HI 96814 Inspection Number: 313077109 (Karen

Kamihara)

Inspection Date(s):

06/05/2009- 11/23/2009

Issuance Date: OSHCO ID:

12/03/2009 F9171

Optional Report No.: 05209

Fatality/Catastrophe

Inspection Type: Scope of Inspection:

Partial Inspection

The violation(s) described in this : Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty describes violations of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Law. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties, unless within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you mail a notice of contest to the State of Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division (HIOSH) at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Law has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Law or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Hawaii Labor Relations Board (HLRB) or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays), whichever is longer. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

EXHIBIT.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Administrator during the 20 calendar day contest period. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Administrator within 20 calendar days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference. —

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 5, Notice to Employees, next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Employers' Right to Contest - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Administrator in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies) within 20 calendar days after receipt, the citation(s) and the penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and may not be reviewed by any court or agency. Once a letter of contest is received, it becomes the jurisdiction of the HLRB.

Penalty Payment - Penalties are due within 20 calendar days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to "Director of Budget and Finance." Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

HIOSH does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For each violations which you do not contest, you are required by Section 12-51-22 to submit an Abatement Certification to HIOSH. The certification <u>must</u> be sent by you within <u>5 calendar days</u> of the abatement date indicated on the citation. For Willful and Repeat violations, documents (examples: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstrating that abatement is complete must accompany the certification. Where the citation is classified as Serious and the citation states that abatement documentation is required, documents such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

All abatement verification documents must contain the following information: 1) Your name and address; 2) the inspection number (found on the front page); 3) the citation and citation item number(s) to which the submission relates; 4) a statement that the information is accurate; 5) the signature of the employer or employer's authorized representative; 6) the date the hazard was corrected; 7) a brief statement of how the hazard was corrected; and 8) a statement that affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

The law also requires a copy of all abatement verification documents, required by Section 12-51-22 to be sent to HIOSH, also be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 60 days after the discrimination occurred with the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities - The enclosed booklet (Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following a HIOSH Inspection) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Employees' Right to Contest - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division at the address shown above and postmarked within 20 calendar days of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data - You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this ofice.

## ABATEMENT CERTIFICATION

DARWIN L.D. CHING, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
830 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 425
HONOLULU, HI 96813

Masuda Enterprises Inc dba MGM Electrical Service 99-920 Iwaena St, Bay A107 Aiea, HI 96701

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## State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division



## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with HIOSH to discuss the citation(s) issued or
12/03/2009. The conference will be held at the HIOSH office located at 830 PUNCHBOWI
STREET, ROOM 425, HONOLULU, HI, 96813 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

### State of Hawaii

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Hawaii Occupational Safety And Health Division Inspection Number: 313077109

Inspection Dates: 06/05/2009-11/23/2009

Issuance Date: 12/03/2009



## Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

Masuda Enterprises Inc dba MGM Electrical Service

Inspection Site:

1500 Kapiolani Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96814

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.416(a)(1) [Refer to chapter 12-141.1, HAR] was violated because:

An employee involved in servicing an energized 480 volt, 1,000 amperage electric circuit breaker panel. The employee's screwdriver came in contact with an energized part in the circuit breaker and he received an electrical shock and arc blast related type of injuries.

29 CFR 1926.416(a)(1) states "No employer shall permit an employee to work in such proximity to any part of an electric power circuit that the employee could contact the electric power circuit in the course of work, unless the employee is protected against electric shock by deenergizing the circuit and grounding it or by guarding it effectively by insulation or other means."

Location: 1500 Kapiolani Blvd., 1st floor electrical vault room

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

12/07/2009

Penalty:

\$ 1,500.00

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## Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name:

Masuda Enterprises Inc dba MGM Electrical Service

Inspection Site:

1500 Kapiolani Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96814

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.416(a)(3) [Refer to chapter 12-141.1, HAR] was violated because:

An employee was working in proximity to 480 volt, 1,000 amperage electric power circuit breaker panel that were not protected against electric shock by deenergizing and grounding the circuits or effectively guarding the circuits by insulation or other means. The employee's screwdriver came into contact with an energized part of the circuit breaker panel and he received an electrical shock and arc blast related type of injuries.

29 CFR 1926.416(a)(3) states "Before work is begun the employer shall ascertain by inquiry or direct observation, or by instrument, whether any part of an energized power circuit, exposed or concealed, is so located that the performance of the work may bring any person, tool, or machine into physical contact or electrical contact with the electric power circuit. The employer shall post and maintain proper warning signs' where such a circuit exists. The employer shall advise employees of the location of such lines, the hazards involved, and the protective measures to be taken."

Location: 1500 Kapiolani Blvd., 1st floor electrical vault room

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Penalty:

12/07/2009

\$ 1,500.00

DARWIN L.D. CHING

Director